

REMARKS

This Response to Office Action is responsive to the Official Communication mailed on December 21, 2005. Entry of this Response and reconsideration of the instant application in view thereof are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 are pending in the above-referenced Application. Claims 1-10 are rejected.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 2 and 7 of copending Application No. 10/858,872. Applicants respectfully submit that they will provide an appropriate terminal disclaimer and a showing of common ownership in the event that the subject rejection becomes a non-provisional rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

This Paper is believed to be timely filed. If any fees are deemed required for consideration of this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 18-1850.

Respectfully submitted,

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